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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 21-0859 **Date:** July 9, 2021 **Prime Sponsors:** Bill Status: Signed into Law Sen. Hansen: Rankin Rep. Herod; McCluskie Fiscal Analyst: Will Clark | 303-866-4720 Will.Clark@state.co.us MARKET RATE STUDY FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **Bill Topic:** Summary of ☐ State Revenue ☐ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity Budget package bill. This bill reduces the frequency of the market rate study of provider rates for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. The bill decreases state expenditures in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23. For FY 2021-22, this bill requires and includes a reduction in appropriations of \$55,000 **Appropriation** to the Department of Human Services. Summary: **Fiscal Note** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. Status:

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under LLS 21-0859

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

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Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with counties, must annually contract for a market rate study of provider rates for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. DHS must also provide copies of the study to the Joint Budget Committee by January of each year. This bill changes the requirement so that DHS will contract for the study and provide copies of it to the Joint Budget Committee every three years, to align with federal requirements.

State Expenditures

By changing the contracting and reporting requirement from annual to every three years, the bill decreases expenditures in the DHS by \$55,000 in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23. Costs will next be incurred for the study in FY 2023-24.

Local Government

The bill reduces workload for counties to the extent that they will consult with DHS for the market rate study of provider rates for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program every three years instead of annually.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 4, 2021, and takes effect on September 7, 2021, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes a reduction of \$55,000 in General Fund to the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

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